

~~OF \$10,000 PER INCIDENT OR UP TO \$10,000 PER DAY PER VIOLATION UNTIL THE NURSING STAFF AGENCY COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~(H) FINES COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT.~~

~~(F) THE OFFICE MAY SURVEY INSPECT A NURSING STAFF AGENCY UPON RECEIVING A COMPLAINT, AND MAY GIVE NOTICE OF THE INSPECTION TO THE NURSING STAFF AGENCY.~~

~~(J) THE OFFICE SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL SURVEYS ARE UNANNOUNCED.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Health Care Commission, shall report to the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on the prospect of setting rates for nursing staff agencies.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Health Care Commission, shall report to the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on the trends, utilization rates, and costs of using nursing staff agencies in hospitals and nursing homes.~~

~~SECTION 5. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001 January 1, 2002.~~

Approved May 15, 2001.

## CHAPTER 428

### (House Bill 626)

AN ACT concerning

#### Nursing Staff Agencies - Quality Oversight and Improvement

FOR the purpose of transferring oversight of nursing staff agencies from the Board of Nursing to the Office of Health Care Quality; requiring nursing staff agencies to register with be licensed by the Office; providing for the procedures and requirements for licensing nursing staff agencies registering with by the Office; requiring nursing staff agencies to submit certain information to the Office; requiring the Office to conduct periodic site visits and surveys of nursing staff agencies; requiring the Office to investigate certain factors during the survey; requiring the Office to maintain a report of each survey; providing for certain penalties for certain nursing staff agencies; requiring that fines collected by the Office be deposited into a certain account; requiring the Office to ensure that all surveys are unannounced; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make certain reports to the General Assembly on or before certain